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Ira L. Bare, Editor and Publisher.

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Status of The Pole Question.

So far as public confidence goes, Dr. Cook's fortunes are now at lower ebb than at any time since he laid claim to the pole. Whether or not from the human weakness for assisting a dog down the toboggan, anti-Cook verdicts are now rolling in large number. The national geographic society decides that his evidence so far as now made public does not justify a decision in his favor. Professor Doolittle, astronomer of the university of Pennsylvania, and Henry G. Bryant, president of the geographical society of Philadelphia, announce for the first time their conviction that Cook did not reach the pole. Professor Pickering of Harvard ventures the opinion that the Loese affidavit puts a gloomy aspect on Cook's claims. And Senator Dixon of Montana, who presided at the meeting where Cook was confronted by his Mt. McKinley guide, comes forward to say that Cook acted like a guilty man on that occasion.

To cap it all, the mystery of Dr. Cook's whereabouts remains unsolved, though it is evident his closest friends are not at all mystified. Is it a guilty conscience that has broken down his front and sent him into retirement a nervous wreck? His friends say it is offended innocence, unprincipled attacks by enemies seeking to rob him of his glory. But ordinarily, as most men know, a "heart untainted" is a sufficient breastplate against the assaults of envy and malice. It is possible his friends are right. An unphilosophical man might collapse from mere disappointment, but the chances lean the other way.

All this adds to the dramatic interest of the inquiry now going forward in Copenhagen. The records now under scrutiny will prove or disprove the claim that his astronomical observations were "faked up" in New York. Probably the Danish decision will be taken as final. If Cook is true, he has been conspired against in high places. If he is proved false, one of the boldest frauds ever attempted will have been frustrated. —Lincoln Journal.

A Plain Matter of Business.

The New York World, Democratic, thinks well of President's recent message. World says:

"It does not hesitate to ac-

cept the responsibility for postponing popular projects or urging savings at variance with the political interests of powerful members of his own party. He has plunged into no schemes for waterway improvements. He makes demand for but two battleships. The coast defenses he finds adequate in the main. The army, he has decided, is not to be recruited up to its authorized strength. All these are matters on which politicians love to harangue the country, but the first care of the administration is to restore the balance between the expenditures and receipts of the government.

Throughout the message Mr. Taft is moderate in his views and temperate in speech. When he advances a reform he does it patiently and deliberately and after a full consideration of its bearing on present conditions. With Mr. Taft the administration of the government is apparently a matter of business in the public interest, not a game to be played for personal amusement or political effect."

Somerset Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute held at Somerset Dec. 6th and 7th was a great success considering the weather. On account of the storm the attendance on the 6th was rather light, but a very interesting talk was made by Mr. Hull on "Alfalfa Growing." On the 7th the attendance was about 150. Mr. Hull gave two very instructive talks on "Poultry" and "Crop Rotation" and Miss Rowan gave talks on "Cooking" and "Care and Food for the Sick," which were very interesting for the ladies, (and some of the men). Prizes were won as follows:

Brood Mare, T. L. Baker, 1st; John McConnell, 2d.
Colts—T. L. Baker, 1st; George M. Young, 2d.
Cattle prizes were all won by John McConnell.
Best male hog—John McConnell, 1st; C. B. Sypher, 2d.
Best female hog—Earl Sypher 1st; C. B. Sypher, 2d.
Poultry—Wm. Boyce, 1st; P. O. Mullikin, 2d; M. D. Shirley, 3d.
Yellow corn—A. D. Jackson, 1st.
White corn—Leo Sellars, 1st; R. R. Anderson, 2d.
Calico corn—P. O. Mullikin, 1st; Leo Sellars 2d.

Best single ear corn—T. L. Baker.
Pop corn, Geo. M. Young.
Sweet corn, Mrs. Marie Koenig.
Best loaf white bread, Mrs. C. B. Sypher; 2nd Mrs. G. W. Hannah; 3rd Mrs. P. O. Mullikin.
Best pound of butter, Mrs. Emma Gartrill; 2nd Mrs. G. W. Clark; 3rd Mrs. G. W. Hannah.

In the Girls contests for best needle work Ruby McGuire won first, Florence Young second and Lola Boyce, third. Boys contest, Jesse McConnell 1st and Ralph Selby 2nd.

Very creditable exhibits were made in all contests and a Farmers' Literary

was organized to discuss farm subjects; this will meet every Friday night at the school house.

Tomorrow Evening

Manager Stamp will offer to his patrons one of the successful plays of the season. "The Girl from the U. S. A." produced by the Harry Scott Co. According to newspaper clippings it is a new play with no other just like it. It takes a representative American girl—just such a bright and charming girl as you often meet in everyday life—and places her in strange lands among strange people in situations that call for the cleverest diplomacy to solve, and shows how she can naturally and gallily save herself and her friends from impending ruin. The scenes, vivid in color and atmosphere, are drawn from real life and are of absorbing human interest. The stage pictures are beautiful, the players are chosen from the first ranks of popular favorites, and several clever musical numbers are introduced.

W. A. Howard, piano tuner of North Platte, was in the city on Tuesday and has decided to spend part of each month in Kearney, coming here the first of the month and remaining until the tenth, advertising that orders may be left at Holmes book store. Mr. Howard has been tuning in this city for some time, having some of the best musicians of the city as his patrons.—Kearney Hub.

The case of Desta McConnell against the Burlington company for damages resulting from fire set out by the engines of the defendant company, was settled out of court, the company agreeing to pay the plaintiff the sum of seventeen hundred dollars.

In the case of the Wellfleet Horse Breeders' Assn. against John Remus, the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of eighteen dollars. The costs in the case are about two hundred dollars, which were assessed against the defendant.

Entertainment.

Miss Allen's class will give two plays at the Keith Tuesday evening, December twenty-eighth.

PYGMALION AND GALATEA.
Pygmalion, (An Athenian Sculptor).....Marjorie Cross
Leucippe (a soldier).....Marion Cross
Chrysoa (an art patron).....Sarah Kelly
Agamemnon (Chrysoa's Slave).....Marion Cross
Mimos (Pygmalion's Slave).....Alma Morrill
Galates (an Animated Statue).....Letha Powell
Cynisca (Pygmalion's Wife).....Edith Holcomb
Daphne (Chrysoa's Wife).....Grace Casey
Myrine (Pygmalion's Sister).....Carrie Marti
WHEN DOLLS COME ALIVE.
Jane.....Esther Kelly
Bright Eyes (a Fairy).....Helen Bonner
Gladys (a China Doll).....Adele LeDoyt
Rosalind (a Bisque Doll).....Lucile Stamp
Brown Eyes (a Wax Doll).....Elsie Waltemath
Madeline (a French Doll).....Margaret Williams
Vivian (a Rag Doll).....Ruth Cunningham
Fritz Snapp (Captain of the soldiers).....Henry Iddings
Private Swartz.....Darrell Healy
Private West.....Austin Bedell
Jack in the half box.....Kenneth Whelan

Have you seen the K. & B. waist coats? We have them from \$1.75 to \$5.00. The Hub Clothing Dept.

"The Girl From U. S. A."

The new musical comedy drama, "The Girl From U. S. A.," which will be presented at the Keith theatre Saturday, Dec. 18th, carries the auditor nearly round the world, as its scenes are laid in France, Turkey and China. It has an intense love story, a catchy type of comedy, and delightful musical numbers that leave no place for ennui all through the three acts. A capable company of singers and players and a bevy of pretty chorus girls in ravishing costumes, who have been receiving flattering press comments in other places visited, will give the piece the first performance here. The musical numbers are especially mentioned as affording keen pleasure.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Serial No. 01223
U. S. 21219
Department of the Interior.
United States Land Office
North Platte, Nebraska.
December 11, 1909.
A sufficient contest affidavit, having been filed in this office by Jacob L. Hardin, contestant, against homestead entry, No. 21219 made May 20, 1906, for SE 1/4, Sec. 12, Township 12 N. Range 81 W. of the 6th P. Meridian, by L. N. Nelson contestor, in which it is alleged that said L. N. Nelson has never established his residence on said tract; that he has abandoned said tract for more than six months last past and has failed to cultivate or improve said tract; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 11, 1910, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land office in North Platte, Nebraska.
The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
W. M. G. WOODHURST,
Register.

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